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LIMDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR JORDEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED "DECLARATION OF PANAMA"

1. WE DISCUSSED WITH ROBERT PASTOR THIS AFTERNOON THE PRO-
POSAL FOR A DECLARATION OF PANAMA, TO BE SIGNED BY LEADERS
ATTENDING THE PANAMA TREATY RATIFICATION CEREMONY, AND
WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING MODE OF PROCEDURE.

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2. WE AGREED THAT WE WISHED TO AVOID AN ILL-COORDINATED
PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION OR A PREMATURE DISCUSSION OF THE
MATTER BEFORE OTHER PARTIES HAVE BEEN CONSULTED. INSTEAD,
WE AGREED THAT WHEN FOREIGN MINSITER GONZALEZ REVILLA VISITS
THE OTHER COUNTRIES CONCERNED, HE SHOULD TRY OUT ON EACH
OF THEM A SIMPLE DECLARATION HIGHLIGHTING THEIR COMMON

DETERMINATION TO WORK IN THE SPIRIT OF COORDINATION EMBODIED IN THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY, TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING. HE WOULD EXPECT THAT RESPONSE TO THIS IDEA WOULD BE FAVORABLE, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SOONEST IF IT CREATES A PROBLEM FOR ANY COUNTRY. ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL TAKE UP WITH THE PANAMANIAN A BROADER DOCUMENT WHICH USES THE TEXT BELOW AS A STARTING POINT. FYI THIS TEXT WOULD PROVIDE US WITH A MINIMUM OBJECTIVE WITH WHICH WE CAN LIVE IF

AGREEMENT ON A MORE EXTENSIVE DECLARATION ACCEPTABLE TO US CANNOT BE REACHED. END FYI.

3. IN REQUESTING GONZALEZ REVILLA TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE LANGUAGE QUOTED BELOW IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHERS, YOU SHOULD ALSO ADVISE HIM THAT WE WILL VERY SHORTLY BE TAKING UP WITH HIS GOVERNMENT ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN A BROADENED DECLARATION. WE HOPE TO WORK OUT SUCH A TEXT WITH THE PANAMANIAN, AND WOULD THEN LIKE TO MINIMIZE COMPLEXITIES OF MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS THEREAFTER BY WORKING WITH THE OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS, ON BEHALF OF US BOTH, PRIMARILY IN WASHINGTON BUT ALSO THROUGH EMBASSIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. IN HIS DISCUSSIONS GONZALEZ REVILLA MIGHT WISH TO SOUND OUT THE OTHERS ON THE GENERAL ACCEPTABILITY OF SUCH CONFIDENTIAL

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AN IDEA. HOWEVER, UNTIL WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK FURTHER ON IT WITH THE PANAMANIAN, WE WOULD PREFER THAT HE AVOID ANY DISCUSSION OF SPECIFICS.

5. PLEASE ASCERTAIN IF THIS PROCEDURE MEETS WITH PANAMANIAN APPROVAL. TEXT OF DECLARATION TO BE GIVEN TO GONZALEZ REVILLA FOLLOWS.

QTE. WE, THE CHIEFS OF STATE AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT PRESENT IN PANAMA CITY ON THE OCCASION OF THE EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BELIEVE THAT THE TREATIES REPRESENT A HISTORIC STEP FORWARD IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THESE TREATIES SYMBOLIZE A FUNDAMENTAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND A CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT WHICH CAN MOTIVATE THE POWERFUL AND THE POOR TO ADDRESS THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT THEM ALL.

BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES DEMONSTRATE HOW ALL OF US CAN WORK TOGETHER IN A NEW SPIRIT OF COOPERATION TO SHAPE THE FUTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR

IDEALS, WE ARE DETERMINED TO BUILD ON THIS EXAMPLE.

ACCORDINGLY WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO WORK ACTIVELY AND IN
COOPERATION:

-- TO FURTHER WORLD PEACE.

-- TO PROMOTE GREATER RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF HUMANKIND
AND TO WIDEN THE SCOPE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN THE
DEFENSE OF HUMAN DIGNITY.

-- TO RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE WORLD'S POOR AND
TO CREATE A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
SYSTEM. END QTE. CHRISTOPHER
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